

**Will 08 earns international scholar award for doctoral thesis work involving breast cancer**  
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Marie Will, AU Class of 2008 and a student in the Weill Cornell/Rockefeller/Sloan-Kettering M.D.-Ph.D. program, New York City, is one of 85 doctoral students nationwide selected to receive a Scholar Award from P.E.O. International. She was nominated by the P.E.O. chapter of New York, NY.

Marie was honored for her Ph.D. thesis work on the “Therapeutic targeting of the PI3K enzymes in breast cancer.” This work was presented at the American Association for Cancer Research Annual Meeting in 2013 and published in the journal Cancer Discovery in 2014. The importance of these discoveries was also highlighted by editorials in the journals Nature Reviews Cancer and Nature Reviews Drug Discovery.

The P.E.O. Scholar Award was established in 1991 to provide substantial merit-based awards for women of the United States and Canada who are pursuing a doctoral level degree at an accredited college or university.

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